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ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1895.

THE Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th instant, at twelve o'clock, M.; the First Vice-President, CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, in the chair.

The record of the March meeting was read and approved; and the Librarian read the list of donors to the Library.

The Corresponding Secretary said that he had received a letter of acceptance from Rev. Morton Dexter, elected a Resident Member.

MR. WILLIAM S. APPLETON said:—

The Society has lost one of its oldest foreign associates. W. Noël Sainsbury, who stood second on the roll of Corresponding Members, died in London, March 9. He richly deserved membership as Editor of the Colonial Series of Calendars of the State Papers of Great Britain. Probably many of us would acknowledge our obligation to him for this work, as for myself I most gladly do.

MR. EDWARD L. PIERCE then read the following communication:—

The American Prisoners at Dartmoor.

I present an addendum to an account of my visit to Dartmoor Prison, England, which was communicated to the Society by Mr. Winsor, November 12, 1891, and is published in its Proceedings for November, 1891 (pp. 17, 18). This further statement may serve as a guide to other investigators.

On July 4th last I passed three hours in the Public Record Office, Fetter Lane, London, by permission of the Admiralty Office, granted on my written application. The custodian was civil and helpful. I had leave to examine the only existing records of American prisoners confined in that prison in the War of 1812 with England. They are five volumes, entitled "General Entry Book of American Prisoners of War at Dartmoor Prison." In all, there are 6,554 names. A few bear foreign names, quite a number are negroes; but the great mass

are American names of English origin, which have survived in the Atlantic States to this day. Their residence is given, sometimes the town, but often only the State. A few were from New York City, quite a number from the South, as Maryland and South Carolina; but much the larger number were from New England, and perhaps one third of the whole from Massachusetts. I noted such familiar names as these: "Jacob Field, Quincy," "Charles Bussey, Dorchester," "Samuel Pierce, Boston," "Samuel Shaw, Boston," "A. Putnam, Danvers." Many were from Salem, Marblehead, Beverly, Gloucester, Boston, and Portsmouth, N. H. The records are brief,—a single line for a name, stating ship captured, date of capture, age of prisoner, personal description, and date of discharge. My particular search was for a maternal uncle of mine, Samuel Shaw Lillie, son of Captain John Lillie, a portrait and sketch of whom may be found in Bugbee's "Memorials of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati," pp. 330-333, and grand-nephew of Theophilus Lillie, of whom a sketch is given in Sabine's "Loyalists." He was named for his father's friend, Samuel Shaw, whose journals have been published, with a memoir, by Josiah Quincy. I discovered his name as No. 4030, "Samuel Lilley," with middle name omitted and surname misspelled. The items in his case are given as illustrating the general character of the entries. He was one of eighty-nine men found on the ship "Rattlesnake," which was taken by the "Leander" man-of-war, July 13, 1814, off Bull's Island, and received into custody October 6, 1814, from his Majesty's ship "Chesapeake" from Halifax. His description was: "Seaman, nativity Boston, age 19, stature 5 feet $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches, person stout, visage and complexion oval, pale, hair brown, eyes grey, scar on right hand, date of supply October 6, 1814, 1 hammock, 1 bed, 1 blanket." The further entry is: "Bedding returned D. D. 16th May, 1815." The other prisoners captured at the same time were released June 9, 1815. "Date of supply" is supposed to indicate time of admission to the prison, and "bedding returned D. D.," date of death.

Mr. JUSTIN WINSOR drew attention to an item in a sale to take place in Munich, April 22, 1895, of the Library of the Château de Lobris, in Silesia, whose catalogue, No. 99, shows

the only copy known of the legends on the sides of the Cabot *Mappe-monde*, printed separately as a brochure, and entitled "*Declaratio chartæ novæ navigatoriæ Domini Almirantis.*" The legends on the only copy of the map known (*Bibliothèque Nationale* in Paris) are separately printed and pasted on the margins of that copy. These legends have been the subject of a good deal of controversy; and Harris recently drew attention to what may have been the original manuscript draft of them, preserved in Spain. The brochure now made known may, on critical examination, throw light on the authorship of the map. The brochure is without place or date, and, so far as the cataloguing shows, is only conjecturally ascribed to Sebastian Cabot.¹

The Hon. WILLIAM EVERETT, in a few remarks on the publications of the Society, expressed the hope that the Council to be elected to-day would consider the expediency of sending the volumes issued hereafter to Honorary Members.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Solomon Lincoln, the Report of the Council was then read by Rev. Dr. ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, as follows:—

Report of the Council.

If it were possible within the scope of this report to survey the general field of contemporary affairs, a brief glance would disclose the making of important history. That of our own State and country during the year now closing has been uneventful, but, on the other hand, the old world has aroused and attracts attention. France has lost one President by assassination, and his successor proved too weak to sustain himself in his high office. Russia has peacefully changed rulers upon the death of the late Czar, Alexander III. All the great powers of Europe are in a state of extreme tension from the pressure of forces arising from internal discontent and external danger. In the far East, Japan, our nearest neighbor on the Pacific Coast, has sprung into the front rank of power, and her future has become of high importance to us

¹ This little tract is now (June, 1895) owned by Dodd, Mead, & Co., in New York. Mr. Eames, the librarian of the Lenox Library, writes me: "So far as I have compared the text with the legends on the map (photograph), I found them to be alike, even to the disputed dates. I believe there is nothing of importance to add to the Catalogue description."

politically and economically. These subjects must, however, be left for a future historian.

In reviewing our own immediate affairs for the past year, the predominant feeling is a sense of our severe losses in the deaths of many conspicuous members,—losses more severe than those suffered for many years. The older generation of members has nearly passed away. We are still glad to welcome the occasional presence at our meetings of the Rev. Dr. Paige, and his contributions when unable to attend. He has already entered his ninety-fourth year, and now completes fifty-one years of membership.

The Society has lost by death six Resident Members. They are:—

Edward Jackson Lowell, who died May 11, 1894. Mr. Lowell had already distinguished himself in historical research, and gave promise of much valuable service to the Society.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, who died October 7, 1894. It would be superfluous here to add to the innumerable tributes paid him. Our sense of loss is still keen, and we anxiously inquire how such losses can be repaired.

Mr. Winthrop died on November 16, 1894. No member since the foundation of the Society has given it more devoted and distinguished service. Long its President, he brought to that office great historical learning, grace, and culture; and the Society gained added distinction when so eminent a citizen was at its head.

Dr. Ellis died on December 20, 1894. His zealous interest in the Society is fresh in our memory, and the munificent provisions of his will show how deeply seated was that interest and how dear to him was its permanent prosperity.

Judge Hoar, another of our elder members, died on January 31, 1895. His death added another to our very severe losses. It has been too recently formally remembered to permit more than a mention of it now.

The last death was that of Judge Brigham, occurring on February 27, 1895. Although he rarely attended the meetings of the Society, by reason of his engrossing duties upon the bench, he was yet among our most honored associates. No judge for many years has left behind him a more deeply seated respect for his fidelity as a magistrate, or a memory so affectionately cherished for the amiable graces of his character.

Four Honorary Members have died : Rt. Rev. Lord Arthur C. Hervey, June 9, 1894 ; S. A. R. le Comte de Paris, September 8, 1894 ; James Anthony Froude, October 20, 1894 ; Sir John Robert Seeley, January 13, 1895.

The death of one Corresponding Member has occurred, — that of William Noël Sainsbury, March 9, 1895.

The following Resident Members have been elected : Walbridge Abner Field, April 12, 1894 ; Henry Walbridge Taft, May 10, 1894 ; William Lawrence, June 14, 1894 ; William Roscoe Thayer, October 11, 1894 ; Morton Dexter, March 14, 1895 ; and two Corresponding Members, Alfred T. Mahan, May 10, 1894 ; Jacob Dolson Cox, November 8, 1894.

The number of Resident Members is now 94 ; and of Corresponding Members, 48.

Memoirs of the following deceased members have been prepared and published in the Proceedings : Edwin Lassetter Bynner, by Barrett Wendell ; Henry Warren Torrey, by William W. Goodwin ; Henry Wheatland, by William P. Upham ; Edward Jackson Lowell, by Abbott Lawrence Lowell.

The valuable report of our efficient Treasurer discloses a prosperous condition of our financial affairs.

Bequests to the amount of \$19,000 from deceased members of the Society — Mr. Abbott Lawrence, Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Waterston, and Judge Hoar — have been received and become available.

The Society has taken possession of the valuable property on Marlborough Street, devised to it by its late President, Dr. Ellis, but has not yet received his pecuniary bequest. It will become a matter of careful consideration to determine in what manner Dr. Ellis's generous gift may best be availed of by the Society.

No other events in the proceedings of the Society require especial mention in the report.

During the year the Society has issued the following publications : —

Proceedings, 2d series, Vol. VIII. (October, 1892, to March, 1894).

Also four serial numbers of the Proceedings, Vol. IX., 2d series (April, 1894, to February, 1895).

Seventh Volume, 6th Series, of the Collections, placed on the table at the last Annual Meeting.

Tributes to the memory of Robert C. Winthrop.

Tributes to the memory of George E. Ellis.

Tributes to the memory of Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar.

Among the more important publications of members of the Society have been the following:—

Religious Progress. By Alexander V. G. Allen.

Additions and Corrections to Sumner Genealogy. To January, 1895. By William S. Appleton.

A Report [24th] of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, containing Boston Births from 1700 to 1800. Edited by William S. Appleton.

An Address delivered at Bowdoin College upon the opening of the Walker Art Building, June 7, 1894. By Martin Brimmer.

A History of the United States for Schools. By John Fiske.

The Lakin Family. By Dr. Samuel A. Green.

Studies in American Education. By Albert Bushnell Hart.

American History Leaflets, Colonial and Constitutional, edited by Albert Bushnell Hart and Edward Channing, Nos. 15–20.

English History for American Readers. By Thomas W. Higginson and Edward Channing.

Henry Lee, 1782–1867. By Hamilton A. Hill.

Proceedings of the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the National Board of Trade, held in Washington, January, 1894. Edited by Hamilton A. Hill.

Suffolk County. Trade, Commerce, and Navigation. By Hamilton A. Hill.

Address in the Old Concord Meeting-House, April 19, 1894. By Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar.

Woburn Record of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. 1873–1890. Alphabetically and Chronologically arranged. By Edward F. Johnson.

The First Napoleon. A Sketch, Political and Military. Twelfth Edition. By John C. Ropes.

The Story of the Civil War. Part I. By John C. Ropes.

Childhood in Literature and Art. With some observations on Literature for Children. A Study. By Horace E. Scudder.

Diocese of Massachusetts. The Enlargement of its Diocesan Library. Being the Eleventh Annual Report made to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, held in Trinity Church, Boston, April 25 and 26, 1894. By Edmund F. Slafter.

Memoirs of the Rev. Charles Henry Bell, LL.D. By Edmund F. Slafter.

Cases of Constitutional Law. With Notes. By James Bradley Thayer. In two volumes.

The Harvard Graduates' Magazine, 1894-95. Edited in part by William R. Thayer and Albert Bushnell Hart, University Editor.

The Inaugural Addresses of the Mayors of Boston. Volume I., from 1822 to 1851. Published by the City Registrar, William H. Whitmore.

Maps of the Street-Lines of Boston, made for the Selectmen in 1819 and 1820. By John Groves Hales. Reproduced in fac-simile and published by the City Registrar, William H. Whitmore.

A Report [25th] of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, containing the Selectmen's Minutes from 1776 through 1786. Edited by William H. Whitmore.

The Archives of Harvard College. Read before the American Antiquarian Society, April 25, 1894. By Justin Winsor.

Seventeenth Report (1894) of Justin Winsor, Librarian of Harvard University.

Address at the Dedication of the New Library Building of the Northwestern University. Evanston, Illinois, 1895. By Justin Winsor.

Reminiscences of Foreign Travel. A Fragment of Autobiography. By Robert C. Winthrop. Privately printed.

Respectfully submitted,

SOLOMON LINCOLN,

Senior Member at Large of the Council.

Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN submitted the Report of the Librarian : —

Report of the Librarian.

During the past year there have been added to the Library :

Books	674
Pamphlets	1,452
Bound volumes of newspapers	2
Unbound volumes of newspapers	7
Broadsides	18
Maps	5
Portfolios of maps	11
Volumes of manuscripts	7
Unbound volumes of manuscripts	4
Manuscripts	8

In all . . . 2,188

Of the books added, 575 have been given, 98 bought, and 1 received in exchange. Of the pamphlets added, 1382 have been given, 64 bought, and 6 procured by exchange.

The largest accession during the year has come from our associate Mr. Robert C. Winthrop, Jr., who has given 81 volumes and 100 pamphlets, which have a peculiar interest, as they once belonged to the library of his late father. Many of these books were presentation copies from the authors, and nearly all of them contain the autograph signature of Mr. Winthrop, who for more than half a century was so closely connected with the growth and welfare of the Society.

The Library has also received from Mr. and Mrs. Alexander C. Washburn, in continuation of their former gift, a large number of interesting letters arranged in three volumes, and an album of autograph signatures. Among these letters are thirteen written by Colonel David Humphreys, and eleven by John Randolph, of Roanoke, which, for the sake of convenience in arrangement, have been placed in one volume. There are also numerous letters written by Boston ministers, which extend over a period of more than two hundred years, and come down to the present time. These letters have been carefully arranged in two volumes, and are easily accessible. In this list of divines are found the names of many members of the Historical Society, including those of Jeremy Belknap, John Eliot, and James Freeman among the founders, and of Harris, Bentley, Popkin, Pierce, Lowell, Ware, Greenwood, Palfrey, Francis, Young, Lamson, Lothrop, Hedge, Watson, Peabody, Emerson, Foote, Clarke, and Bishop Brooks, not to mention those still among the living. Beside these manuscripts there are also some miscellaneous papers of historical interest and value.

From the income of the Savage Fund, there have been bought 98 volumes, 64 pamphlets, 2 unbound volumes of newspapers, and 1 broadside; and 27 volumes, containing 42 pamphlets bought in previous years at the charge of the same fund, have been bound from the same source, most of them separately.

From the income of the William Winthrop Fund, 115 volumes, containing 650 pamphlets, including many annual reports, serial numbers of magazines, etc., and 7 broadsides, have been bound, and 3 volumes repaired.

Of the books added to the Rebellion Department, 29 have been given and 66 bought; and of the pamphlets added, 41 have been given and 30 bought. There are now in this collection 2109 volumes, 4710 pamphlets, 802 broadsides, and 105 maps.

In the collection of manuscripts there are 810 volumes, 183 unbound volumes, 75 pamphlets with manuscript notes, and 7268 manuscripts.

The Library contains at the present time about 37,800 volumes, including files of bound newspapers, the bound manuscripts, and the Dowse Collection. The number of pamphlets, including duplicates, is about 95,816; and the number of broadsides, including duplicates, is 3,835. Since the last Annual Meeting 562 pamphlets issued by the Commonwealth have been tied up and placed among the State Documents.

During the past year there have been taken out 35 books and 5 pamphlets, and all have been returned.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL A. GREEN, *Librarian*.

Boston, April 11, 1895.

Mr. SAMUEL F. MCCLEARY read the following report:—

Report of the Cabinet-Keeper.

The Cabinet-Keeper respectfully reports that no material change in the condition of the Cabinet has been made during the past year; in fact, no change for a better effect is possible within the contracted limits which environ the collection.

It is a pity that the valuable historic possessions of the Society could not have a better arrangement and more methodical care. But these requisites cannot be had without room. For want of this essential provision, our treasures are distributed in the three stories which we inhabit: a few of the most valuable are nearly invisible in cases on this, the third, floor; others are concealed in drawers; while the rest are deposited with more or less system on the fifth floor, which is seldom visited by our own members and never by others. This seclusion of the paintings and other articles of the Cabinet is not creditable to the Society, when one reflects not only on the historic value of the collection, but especially upon its educational possibilities could it be properly arranged for exhibition to the public.

If the Society expects to receive any rich accessions to its Cabinet, it must prove its title thereto by allowing the public, under proper rules, to inspect its treasures, and by showing an intelligent method and care for their preservation and display. But, as already stated, the contracted quarters we now occupy do not afford for the Cabinet such opportunities for classification or methodical arrangement as such a department requires.

The gifts to the Cabinet for the year 1894-95 were as follows : —

Two bills, Confederate States money, \$10 and \$2. Given by Edward Ingersoll Browne.

Three bullets from a quantity deposited in the attic of the old meeting-house at Lincoln, Massachusetts, in the spring of 1775, by order of the town; found in a leather pouch when the building was repaired. Given by Edward G. Porter.

An engraving of Frederick Fraley. Given by Hamilton A. Hill.

A portrait in sepia of Rev. Eli Forbes, of Gloucester. Bequest of Edwin Forbes Waters.

A fac-simile of "A Draught. of an Engagement between Guardaloupe & Grandterre on the 12th Nov. 1746 between y^e Brig. Greyhound of New-York . . . & y^e La Fleury a French Ship"; the original in possession of William Wright Conway, of Philadelphia. Given by Mr. Conway.

Two engravings: Charles Lowell, by J. Sartain after C. Harding; Bell and Everett, by Carpenter and Allen, Boston. Five photographs: Edward Everett, by Black; C. Mason, by Silsbee, Case, & Co.; J. Slidell, by Charles D. Fredericks & Co.; George Bancroft, by M. B. Brady, "Young Africa," 1862. Given by Samuel A. Green.

Seven views, made in Germany: one of New York and four of Quebec, engraved by François Xavier Habermann; one of New York and one of Quebec, engraved by Balth. Frederic Leizelt. See Proceedings, 2d series, Vol. VIII. pp. 497-499, and Vol. IX. p. 169. Given by Charles Francis Adams.

A photograph of William P. Lunt, Robert C. Winthrop, and George E. Ellis, delegates from the Massachusetts Historical Society to the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the New York Historical Society, November 20, 1854. Given by Robert C. Winthrop, Jr.

A gold locket containing a lock of the hair of Abraham Lincoln, cut by an attending surgeon on the evening of his assassination, April 14, 1865. Given by Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar.

A photograph of the Ladd and Whitney Monument at Lowell, Massachusetts, dedicated April 19, 1865, to the memory of those members

of Company D, Sixth Massachusetts Infantry, who were killed in Baltimore, April 19, 1861. Given by Henry F. Jenks.

Two photographs ; George Bancroft ; and Henry Clay, framed from the wood of his house and library at Ashland. An engraving of Chandler Robbins, by C. E. Wagstaff and J. Andrews, after a daguerreotype by Ormsbee & Silsbee. A lithograph of Barnas Sears by the Forbes Co., after a crayon sketch by J. Baker, 1880. A photograph of the inscription cut in the pavement of the nave of Westminster Abbey in memory of George Peabody, 1870. Four medals ; the bronze Centennial medal, 1876 ; two Washington Centennial medals, April 30, 1889, in white metal ; a bronze medal designed in memory of Washington by St. Gaudens for the celebration, 1889. A bronze badge worn in 1889. A gold badge of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. Given by Robert C. Winthrop, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. MCCLEARY, *Cabinet-Keeper.*

Boston, April 11, 1895.

The Reports of the Treasurer, Mr. CHARLES C. SMITH, and of the Auditing Committee, Messrs. HAMILTON A. HILL and A. LAWRENCE LOWELL, were submitted in print. They here follow : —

Report of the Treasurer.

In compliance with the requirements of the By-Laws, Chapter VII., Article 1, the Treasurer respectfully submits his Annual Report, made up to March 30, 1895.

The special funds held by him have been increased in number and amount by the receipt of four bequests during the year. They are now fourteen in number, and are as follows : —

I. THE APPLETON FUND, which was created Nov. 18, 1854, by a gift to the Society, from Nathan Appleton, William Appleton, and Nathaniel I. Bowditch, trustees under the will of the late Samuel Appleton, of stocks of the appraised value of ten thousand dollars. These stocks were subsequently sold for \$12,203, at which sum the fund now stands. The income is applicable to "the procuring, preserving, preparation, and publication of historical papers."

II. THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL TRUST-FUND, which now stands, with the accumulated income, at \$10,000. This fund originated in a gift of two thousand dollars from the late Hon. David Sears, presented Oct. 15, 1855, and accepted by

the Society Nov. 8, 1855. On Dec. 26, 1866, it was increased by a gift of five hundred dollars from Mr. Sears, and another of the same amount from our late associate, Mr. Nathaniel Thayer. The income must be appropriated in accordance with the directions in Mr. Sears's declaration of trust in the printed Proceedings for November, 1855. The declaration contains also the following clause: "And when hereafter the accumulations of said fund — by its investments of income; by additions made to it; by gifts, bequests, or otherwise — shall amount to a sufficient sum, in aid of other means, to purchase or secure a suitable site for the library and halls of said Historical Society, or to enable said Society to appropriate and improve the whole of their present premises, — then, and in either of the cases, the said Trustees may, under a recorded vote of authority of the Society, draw out and receive the whole, or any part, of said accumulations of said fund, to be expended by them in the above-named purposes. . . . Provided always, that in no case whatever shall the original trust-sum be encroached upon or diminished."

III. THE DOWSE FUND, which was given to the Society by George Livermore and Eben. Dale, executors of the will of the late Thomas Dowse, April 9, 1857, for the "safe keeping" of the Dowse Library. It amounts to \$10,000.

IV. THE PEABODY FUND, which was presented by the late George Peabody, in a letter dated Jan. 1, 1867, and now stands at \$22,123. The income is available only for the publication and illustration of the Society's Proceedings and Memoirs, and for the preservation of the Society's Historical Portraits.

V. THE SAVAGE FUND, which was a bequest from the late Hon. James Savage, received in June, 1873, and now stands on the books at the sum of \$6,000. The income is to be used for the increase of the Society's Library.

VI. THE ERASTUS B. BIGELOW FUND, which was given in February, 1881, by Mrs. Helen Bigelow Merriman, in recognition of her father's interest in the work of the Society. The original sum was one thousand dollars; but the interest was added to the principal to bring the amount up to \$2,000, at which it now stands. There is no restriction as to the use to be made of this fund.

VII. THE WILLIAM WINTHROP FUND, which amounts to

the sum of \$3,000, and was received Oct. 13, 1882, under the will of the late William Winthrop, for many years a Corresponding Member of the Society. The income is to be applied "to the binding for better preservation of the valuable manuscripts and books appertaining to the Society."

VIII. THE RICHARD FROTHINGHAM FUND, which represents a gift to the Society, on the 23d of March, 1883, from the widow of our late Treasurer, of a certificate of twenty shares in the Union Stock Yard and Transit Co., of Chicago, of the par value of \$100 each, and of the stereotype plates of Mr. Frothingham's "Siege of Boston," "Life of Joseph Warren," and "Rise of the Republic." The fund stands on the Treasurer's books at \$3,000, exclusive of the copyright. There are no restrictions on the uses to which the income may be applied. The cost of publishing the Belcher Papers was charged to the income of this fund.

IX. THE GENERAL FUND, which now amounts to \$9,268.56. It represents the following gifts and payments to the Society:—

1. A gift of two thousand dollars from the residuary estate of the late MARY PRINCE TOWNSEND, by the executors of her will, William Minot and William Minot, Jr., in recognition of which, by a vote of the Society, passed June 13, 1861, the Treasurer was "directed to make and keep a special entry in his account books of this contribution as the donation of Miss Mary P. Townsend."

2. A legacy of two thousand dollars from the late HENRY HARRIS, received in July, 1867.

3. A legacy of one thousand dollars from the late GEORGE BEMIS, received in March, 1879.

4. A gift of one hundred dollars from the late RALPH WALDO EMERSON, received in April, 1881.

5. A legacy of one thousand dollars from the late WILLIAMS LATHAM, received in May, 1884.

6. A bequest of five shares in the Cincinnati Gas-Light and Coke Co. from the late GEORGE DEXTER, Recording Secretary from 1878 to 1883, received in June, 1884. This bequest for several years stood on the Treasurer's books at \$900, at which sum the shares were valued when the incomes arising from separate investments were all merged in one consolidated account. Besides the regular quarterly dividends there has

been received up to the present time from the sale of subscription rights, etc., the sum of \$268.56, which has been added to the nominal amount of Mr. Dexter's bequest.

7. A legacy of one thousand dollars from the late EBENEZER ROCKWOOD HOAR, received in February, 1895.

8. Six commutation fees of one hundred and fifty dollars each.

X. THE ANONYMOUS FUND, which originated in a gift of \$1,000 to the Society in April, 1887, communicated in a letter to the Treasurer printed in the Proceedings (2d series, vol. iii. pp. 277, 278). A further gift of \$250 was received from the same generous friend in April, 1888. The income up to the present time has been added to the principal. The fund now stands at \$1,855.33.

XI. THE WILLIAM AMORY FUND, which was a gift of \$3,000, under the will of our associate, the late WILLIAM AMORY, received Jan. 7, 1889. There are no restrictions on the uses to which the income may be applied. The income has been allowed to accumulate, with the view to the publication of a volume of Collections at some future period.

XII. THE LAWRENCE FUND, which was a gift of \$3,000, under the will of our associate, the younger ABBOTT LAWRENCE, received in June, 1894. The income is "to be expended in publishing the Collections and Proceedings" of the Society.

XIII. THE ROBERT C. WINTHROP FUND, which was a gift of \$5,000, under the will of our late associate, received in December, 1894. No restrictions were attached to this bequest; but by a vote of the Society passed Dec. 13, 1894, it was directed that the income "shall be expended for such purposes as the Council may from time to time direct."

XIV. THE WATERSTON PUBLISHING FUND, which was a gift of \$10,000, under the will of our late associate, the Rev. ROBERT C. WATERSTON, received in December, 1894. The income is to be used as a publishing fund, in accordance with the provisions of Mr. Waterston's will printed in the Proceedings (2d series, vol. viii. pp. 172, 173).

The Treasurer also holds a deposit book in the Five Cent Savings Bank for \$100 and interest, which is applicable to the care and preservation of the beautiful model of the Brattle Street Church, deposited with us in April, 1877.

It should not be forgotten that besides the gifts and bequests represented by these funds, which the Treasurer is required to take notice of in his Annual Report, numerous gifts have been made to the Society from time to time, and expended for the purchase of the real estate, or in promoting the objects for which the Society was organized. A detailed account of these gifts was included in the Annual Report of the Treasurer, dated March 31, 1887, printed in the Proceedings (2d series, vol. iii. pp. 291-296); and in the list of the givers there enumerated will be found the names of many honored associates, living or departed, and of other gentlemen, not members of the Society, who were interested in the promotion of historical studies. They gave liberally in the day of small things; and to them the Society is largely indebted for its present prosperity and usefulness.

By his last will, extracts from which were read at the meeting of the Society held on the 14th instant, our late President, Dr. GEORGE E. ELLIS, gave to the Society the sum of \$30,000, and also the dwelling-house No. 110 Marlborough Street, with substantially all its contents. By a formal vote the Society accepted this bequest; and on the 20th instant, at a special meeting of the Council held at No. 110 Marlborough Street, the executor delivered possession of the house and its contents to the Society. The appraised value of the real estate, as it stands on the books of the City Assessors, is \$20,000; and Ellis House is credited with that sum. The contents of the house are of uncertain commercial value, and in this report no estimate has been placed upon them. No portion of the money bequest has as yet been paid over to the Treasurer; and therefore no account is taken of it in the statements herewith submitted.

In common with other institutions and with individuals, the Society has suffered a diminution in the income from its invested funds during the past year; but in spite of adverse conditions the rate actually received has been about four and six-tenths per cent. As no part of the permanent funds is invested in the real estate on Tremont Street, their income has not been affected by the final termination of the lease to the City of Boston, in October last. The general, unrestricted income of the Society has, however, been reduced by this loss of rent; and it is important, for the continued welfare of the

Society, that one or both of the two lower stories should be again let to a responsible tenant. The matter of again letting the part of the building now vacant was referred at an early date to a sub-committee of the Council, who have not been unmindful of the duty intrusted to them. In view of the contingencies which might arise when these rooms should become vacant, it was thought desirable to keep on hand a larger amount of cash than it has heretofore been necessary or expedient to do.

The stock and bonds held by the Treasurer are as follows: \$10,000 in the five per cent mortgage bonds of the Chicago and West Michigan Railroad Co.; \$5,000 in the four per cent bonds of the Rio Grande Western Railroad Co.; \$5,000 in the four per cent bonds of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad Co.; \$5,000 in the five per cent gold bonds of the Cincinnati, Dayton, and Ironton Railroad Co.; \$5,000 in the four per cent general mortgage bonds of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé Railroad Co.; and \$3,000 in the second four per cent bonds of the same corporation, received in exchange for their income bonds for the same amount; \$11,000 in the five per cent collateral trust bonds of the Chicago Junction Railways and Union Stock Yard Co.; \$2,000 in the six per cent "exempt" bonds of the Burlington and Missouri Railroad Co. in Nebraska; \$6,000 in the four and one half per cent bonds of the Boston and Maine Railroad Co.; fifty shares in the Merchants' National Bank of Boston; fifty shares in the State National Bank of Boston; fifty shares in the National Bank of Commerce of Boston; fifty shares in the National Union Bank of Boston; fifty shares in the Columbian National Bank of Boston; five shares in the Second National Bank of Boston; thirty-five shares in the Boston and Albany Railroad Co.; twenty-five shares in the Old Colony Railroad Co.; five shares in the Cincinnati Gas Light and Coke Co.; three shares in the Boston Real Estate Trust (of the par value of \$1,000); five shares in the State Street Exchange; and two shares in the Pacific Mills (of the par value of \$1,000).

The following abstracts and the trial balance show the present condition of the several accounts:—

CASH ACCOUNT.

1894.		DEBITS.	
March 31.	To balance on hand		\$140.76
1895.			
March 30.	„ receipts as follows: —		
	General Account	8,708.28	
	Consolidated Income	4,085.05	
	Income of Richard Frothingham Fund	62.90	
	Bequest of Abbott Lawrence	3,000.00	
	Bequest of Robert C. Winthrop	5,000.00	
	Bequest of Robert C. Waterston	10,000.00	
	Bequest of Ebenezer R. Hoar	1,000.00	
	General Fund (on acc't of Gift of George Dexter)	25.18	
			<u>\$32,022.17</u>
March 30.	To balance brought down		\$2,730.04

1895.		CREDITS.	
March 30.	By payments as follows: —		
	Investments	\$20,516.25	
	Income of Peabody Fund	482.48	
	Income of Savage Fund	199.98	
	Income of William Winthrop Fund	96.15	
	Income of Appleton Fund	17.50	
	Income of Richard Frothingham Fund	1,104.42	
	Consolidated Income	330.89	
	General Account	6,544.46	
	„ balance on hand	2,730.04	
			<u>\$32,022.17</u>

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

1894.		DEBITS.	
March 31.	To balance brought forward		\$573.45
1895.			
March 30.	„ sundry charges and payments: —		
	Salaries of Librarian's Assistants	2,700.00	
	Printing and binding	1,034.17	
	Stationery and postage	91.16	
	Fuel and light	160.00	
	Care of fire, etc.	342.44	
	Miscellaneous expenses and repairs	216.69	
	Editing publications of the Society	2,000.00	
	„ balance carried forward	2,048.31	
			<u>\$9,166.22</u>

1895.		CREDITS.	
March 30.	By sundry receipts :—		
	Rent of Building	\$6,750.00	
	Interest	51.73	
	Income of Dowse Fund	457.94	
	Admission Fees	125.00	
	Assessments	790.00	
	Sales of publications	991.55	
		<u>\$9,166.22</u>	
March 30.	By balance brought down	\$2,048.31	

Income of Appleton Fund.

1895.		DEBITS.	
March 30.	To amount paid for binding and printing	\$17.50	
	„ balance carried forward	2,293.73	
		<u>\$2,311.23</u>	

1894.		CREDITS.	
March 31.	By balance brought forward	\$1,752.40	
1895.			
March 30.	„ proportion of consolidated income	558.83	
		<u>\$2,311.23</u>	
March 30.	By balance brought down	\$2,293.73	

Income of William Winthrop Fund.

1895.		DEBITS.	
March 30.	To amount paid for binding	\$96.15	
	„ balance carried forward	156.62	
		<u>\$252.77</u>	

1894.		CREDITS.	
March 31.	By balance brought forward	\$115.89	
1895.			
March 30.	„ proportion of consolidated income	137.38	
		<u>\$252.77</u>	
March 30.	By balance brought down	\$156.62	

Income of Massachusetts Historical Trust-Fund.

1894.		CREDITS.	
March 31.	By balance brought forward	\$803.02	
1895.			
March 30.	„ proportion of consolidated income	457.94	
		<u>\$1,260.96</u>	
March 30.	By balance brought down	\$1,260.96	

Income of Richard Frothingham Fund.

DEBITS.	
1895.	
March 30.	To amount paid for printing and binding \$1,104.42
March 30.	To balance brought down \$503.68
CREDITS.	
1894.	
March 31.	By balance brought forward \$400.46
1895.	
March 30.	„ copyright received 62.90
	„ proportion of consolidated income 137.38
	„ balance carried forward 503.68
	<u>\$1,104.42</u>

Income of Dowse Fund.

DEBITS.	
1895.	
March 30.	To amount placed to credit of General Account \$457.94
CREDITS.	
1895.	
March 30.	By proportion of consolidated income \$457.94

Income of Peabody Fund.

DEBITS.	
1894.	
March 31.	To balance brought forward \$1,609.25
1895.	
March 30.	„ amount paid for printing and binding 482.48
	<u>\$2,091.73</u>
March 30.	To balance brought down \$1,078.63
CREDITS.	
1895.	
March 30.	By proportion of consolidated income \$1,013.10
	„ balance carried forward 1,078.63
	<u>\$2,091.73</u>

Income of Savage Fund.

DEBITS.	
1894.	
March 31.	To balance brought forward \$286.19
1895.	
March 30.	„ amount paid for books 199.98
	<u>\$486.17</u>
March 30.	To balance brought down \$211.40

		CREDITS.
1895.		
March 30.	By proportion of consolidated income	\$274.77
	„ balance carried forward	211.40
		<u>\$486.17</u>

TRIAL BALANCE.

		DEBITS.
Cash		\$2,730.04
Real Estate		123,280.19
Investments		103,076.45
Income of Peabody Fund		1,078.63
Income of Richard Frothingham Fund		503.68
Income of Savage Fund		211.40
Coupon Scrip		125.00
		<u>\$231,005.39</u>

		CREDITS.
Building Account		\$103,280.19
Ellis House		20,000.00
Appleton Fund		12,203.00
Dowse Fund		10,000.00
Massachusetts Historical Trust-Fund		10,000.00
Peabody Fund		22,123.00
Savage Fund		6,000.00
Erastus B. Bigelow Fund		2,000.00
William Winthrop Fund		3,000.00
Richard Frothingham Fund		3,000.00
General Fund		9,268.56
Anonymous Fund		1,855.33
William Amory Fund		3,000.00
Lawrence Fund		3,000.00
Robert C. Winthrop Fund		5,000.00
Waterston Publishing Fund		10,000.00
Income of Appleton Fund		2,293.73
Income of William Winthrop Fund		156.62
Income of Massachusetts Historical Trust-Fund		1,260.96
Income of William Amory Fund		955.09
Income of General Fund		325.36
Income of E. B. Bigelow Fund		81.13
Income of Lawrence Fund		100.00
Income of Robert C. Winthrop Fund		18.04
Income of Waterston Publishing Fund		36.07
General Account		2,048.31
		<u>\$231,005.39</u>

During the year the Society has published the second part of the Belcher Papers, being the seventh volume of the sixth series of Collections, and also a volume of Proceedings, being

the eighth volume of the second series. A new volume of Proceedings, which will comprise the meetings from April, 1894, to February, 1895, inclusive, will shortly be ready. Work has been begun and regularly continued on the Calendar of Pickering Papers, in which our much lamented associate, the late Edward J. Lowell, took a deep interest; and it has been found that the whole Calendar can be comprised in one volume.

CHARLES C. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

Boston, March 30, 1895.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society, as made up to March 30, 1895, have attended to that duty, and report that they find them correctly kept and properly vouched; that the securities held by the Treasurer for the several funds correspond with the statement in his Annual Report; that the balance of cash on hand is satisfactorily accounted for; and that the Trial Balance is accurately taken from the Ledger.

HAMILTON A. HILL,
A. LAWRENCE LOWELL, } *Committee.*

Boston, April 5, 1895.

The Report of the Committee to examine the Library and Cabinet was read by Mr. EDWARD L. PIERCE:—

Report of the Committee on the Library and Cabinet.

The Committee appointed to examine the Library and Cabinet report as follows:—

They examined April 6 the Library and the Cabinet, being assisted by the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper. There is little occasion to repeat what has been said in the reports of committees charged with this duty in previous years with regard to the urgent need of ampler accommodations and better appliances for the custody of books, manuscripts, portraits, and souvenirs, many of them ancient and rare, and some of them, the portraits for instance, now kept where they are not available for public exhibition, and not even conveniently acces-

sible to members of the Society. When hereafter the Society shall realize its hope for a building worthy of its treasures, the Committee on the Library and Cabinet will be able to recommend in detail suitable arrangements for both. Meanwhile the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper are doing all that is practicable for the security and use of the precious memorials of the past committed to their charge.

EDWARD L. PIERCE,
EDWARD G. PORTER, } *Committee.*
EDWARD F. JOHNSON, }

April 11, 1895.

The several reports were accepted and referred to the Committee for publishing the Proceedings.

The Hon. JOHN LOWELL, from the Nominating Committee, reported the following list of candidates, all of whom were elected: —

For President.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS.

For Vice-Presidents.

JUSTIN WINSOR.

SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN.

For Recording Secretary.

EDWARD JAMES YOUNG.

For Corresponding Secretary.

WILLIAM WATSON GOODWIN.

For Treasurer.

CHARLES CARD SMITH.

For Librarian.

SAMUEL ABBOTT GREEN.

For Cabinet-Keeper.

SAMUEL FOSTER McCLEARY.

For Members at Large of the Council.

JOHN DAVIS WASHBURN.

EDMUND FARWELL SLAFTER.

ARTHUR LORD.

EDWARD L. PIERCE.

STEPHEN SALISBURY.

On motion of Mr. HENRY W. HAYNES, it was

Voted, that the thanks of the Society be given to Messrs. Solomon Lincoln and Alexander McKenzie, retiring members of the Council, for their efficient services.

Mr. ADAMS briefly acknowledged his election, and intimated that he should take an early opportunity to present to the Society a carefully considered plan for the conduct of its future operations.

Rev. Dr. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, the senior member, now in his ninety-fourth year, remarked that Mr. Adams afforded the only instance where four generations of one family had been members of the Society.

After the adjournment, the members and a few invited guests were entertained at luncheon by the newly elected President, at his house, No. 20 Gloucester Street.